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Responsible Officer: Dean of University Libraries ||
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COMPUTER USE POLICY

Policy Statement

The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries provide computers with productivity software and unfiltered Internet access for the use of the university community in support of academic research and study.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policies regarding computer use in the University Libraries.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All patrons of the University Libraries.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-lib-005

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

The following guidelines apply to public use computers in University Libraries facilities:

- All use of University Libraries' computers must comply with the university's Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

- Public use computers in University Libraries' facilities are provided for the use of university students, faculty, and staff. While the general public is welcomed to use this equipment, individuals who are not students or employees may be asked to relinquish computers to members of the university community.
- University Libraries is not responsible for children's use of the Internet on University Libraries computers. Please refer to the Children in University Libraries Facilities Policy for details.

Violations of this policy should be reported to a library staff member at the nearest service desk. Individuals who do not comply with University Libraries policies may be asked to leave the library building. In some cases, University Police may be called to take charge of a situation involving non-compliance with library or university policies.

Review

The Dean of Universities Libraries is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

Forms/Instructions

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Related Information

Children in University Libraries Facilities Policy: www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-lib-000-003

Technology Acceptable Use Policy: www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-acaf-it-000-010

History

11/01/11: Formatted for Institutional Policies website.

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5/6/2013: Removed reference(s) to laptops.

Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

Responsible Officer

Date